

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Drug/DWI courts are a proven budget solution that benefits all facets of society; and,

Whereas, Drug/DWI courts are an essential component of our justice system, which save vast criminal justice resources and return individuals to their communities as productive, tax-paying citizens; and

Whereas, Drug/DWI court judges hold participants accountable for meeting their obligations to the court, society, families, and themselves; and,

Whereas, Drug/DWI courts provide participants with intensive, supervised treatment and other services to get and stay clean and sober; and,

Whereas, Drug/DWI courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health officials in the fight against drug/alcohol abuse and crime; and,

Whereas, Drug/DWI graduates successfully overcome their addiction and become productive, contributing members of their community; and,

Whereas, Drug/DWI court demonstrates that when a person rises out of drugs and crime, we ALL RISE; and,

Whereas, The time has come to put a Drug/DWI court in reach of every eligible person in need in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2011, as

DRUG/DWI COURT MONTH

in South Dakota, to recognize the significant contributions Drug/DWI Courts make towards reducing substance abuse, crime, and recidivism, while saving valuable resources.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State